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SUBJECT : GOB PLANS TO JOIN ILO: CURRENT STATUS

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1. TALKS WITH VARIOUS LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN COURSE  
OF REGIONAL LABATT'S RECENT VISIT PROVIDED FOLLOWING  
READING OF BAHRAIN'S PROSPECTIVE ENTRY INTO INTERNATIONAL  
LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO):

- FORMAL APPLICATION FOR ILO MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENTLY  
IN FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR CLEARANCE;

- BAHRAINI OFFICIAL IS MEANWHILE IN GENEVA ON EXTENDED  
VISIT TO REVIEW WITH ILO OFFICIALS PRECISE BAHRAINI  
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OBLIGATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS THROUGH MEMBERSHIP;

- GOB AUTHORITIES ARE CONCURRENTLY READYING LATEST (FOURTH) DRAFT NEW LABOR LAW FOR EARLY (POSSIBLY IN JANUARY) ENACTMENT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH SOCIAL SECURITY LAW. BAHRAINIS REGARD NEW LAW AS NECESSARY PRELIMINARY TO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION;

- SENIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO ATTEND ILO CONFERENCE IN JUNE IN EXPECTATION THAT MEMBERSHIP FORMALITIES WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY THEN.

2. MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE CITED SEVERAL REASONS FOR MOVE TO JOIN ILO AT THIS TIME, AMONG THEM ENCOURAGEMENT BY ILO OFFICIALS (REPORTEDLY COUPLED WITH ASSURANCE THAT BAHRAIN MEETS MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA), PRESSURE BY OTHER ARAB STATES AND DESIRE FOR ILO ASSISTANCE (ABOVE AND BEYOND ILO EXPERTS CURRENTLY PRESENTLY WORKING IN UNDP-FUNDED PROJECTS). UNMENTIONED BUT PROBABLY A CONTRIBUTING REASON IS PARALLEL SAUDI DECISION TO ADHERE TO ILO.

3. IN SEPARATE ACTION, GOB HAS APPLIED TO JOIN ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION AND PLANS TO SEND DELEGATION TO ITS UPCOMING CONGRESS AT NOUAKCHOTT IN MARCH.  
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